CHILDREN
& YOUNG
PEOPLE
HAVE RIGHTS!
Government of Alberta

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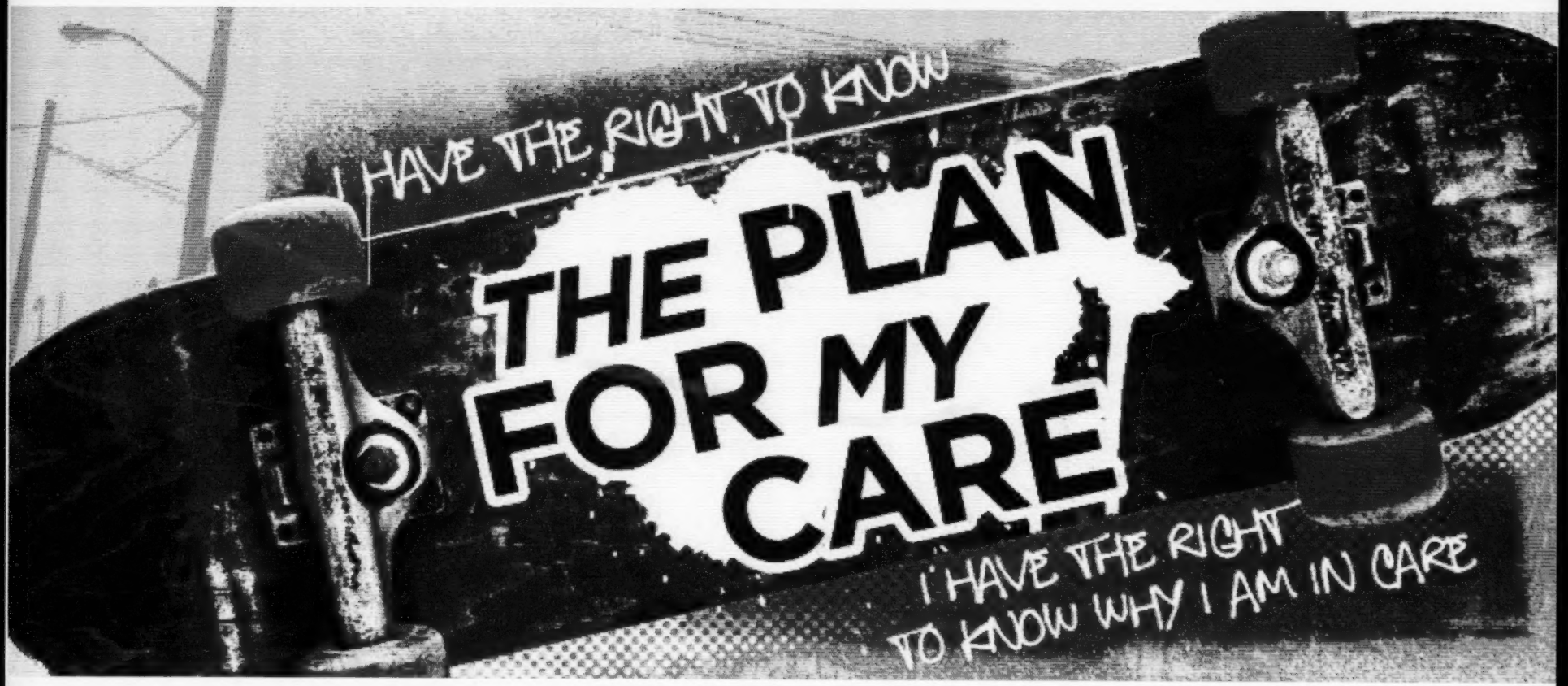
Lots of young people receive services from Alberta Children and Youth services. Sometimes these services are provided when young people live at home. Sometimes services are provided when young people live away from home in places like foster homes or group homes.

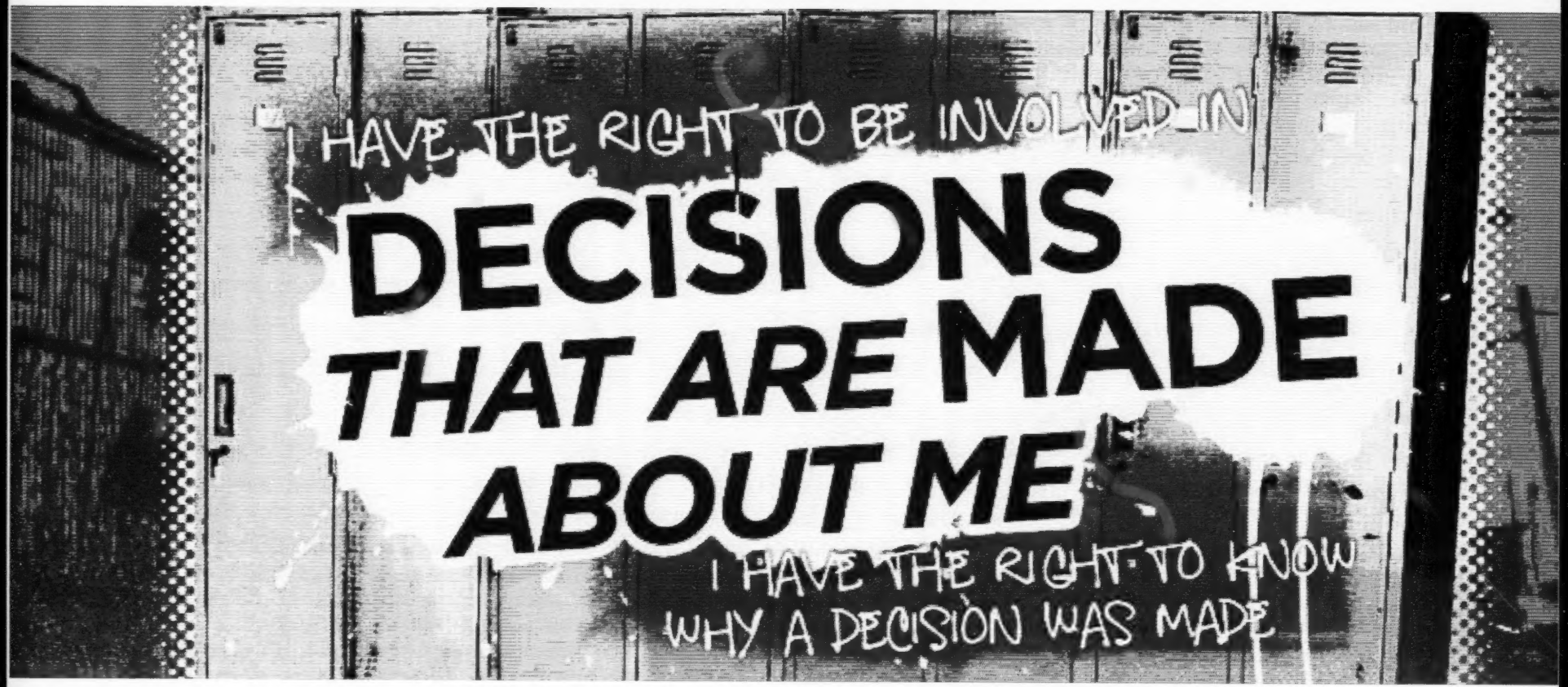
If I am a young person receiving services from Alberta Children and Youth Services I have a caseworker, no matter where I am living or who I am living with.

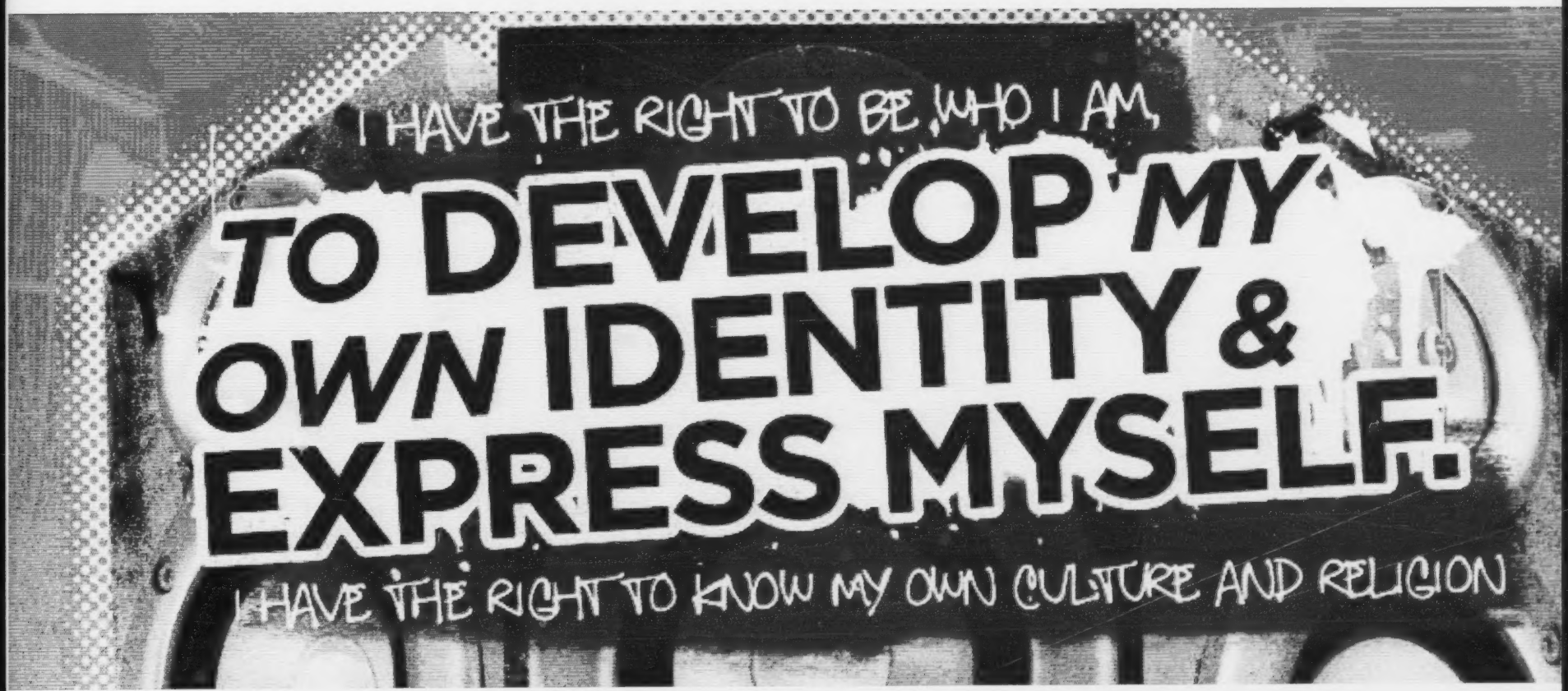
If I am a young person receiving services from Alberta Children and Youth Services I have rights.

SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RIGHTS ARE...

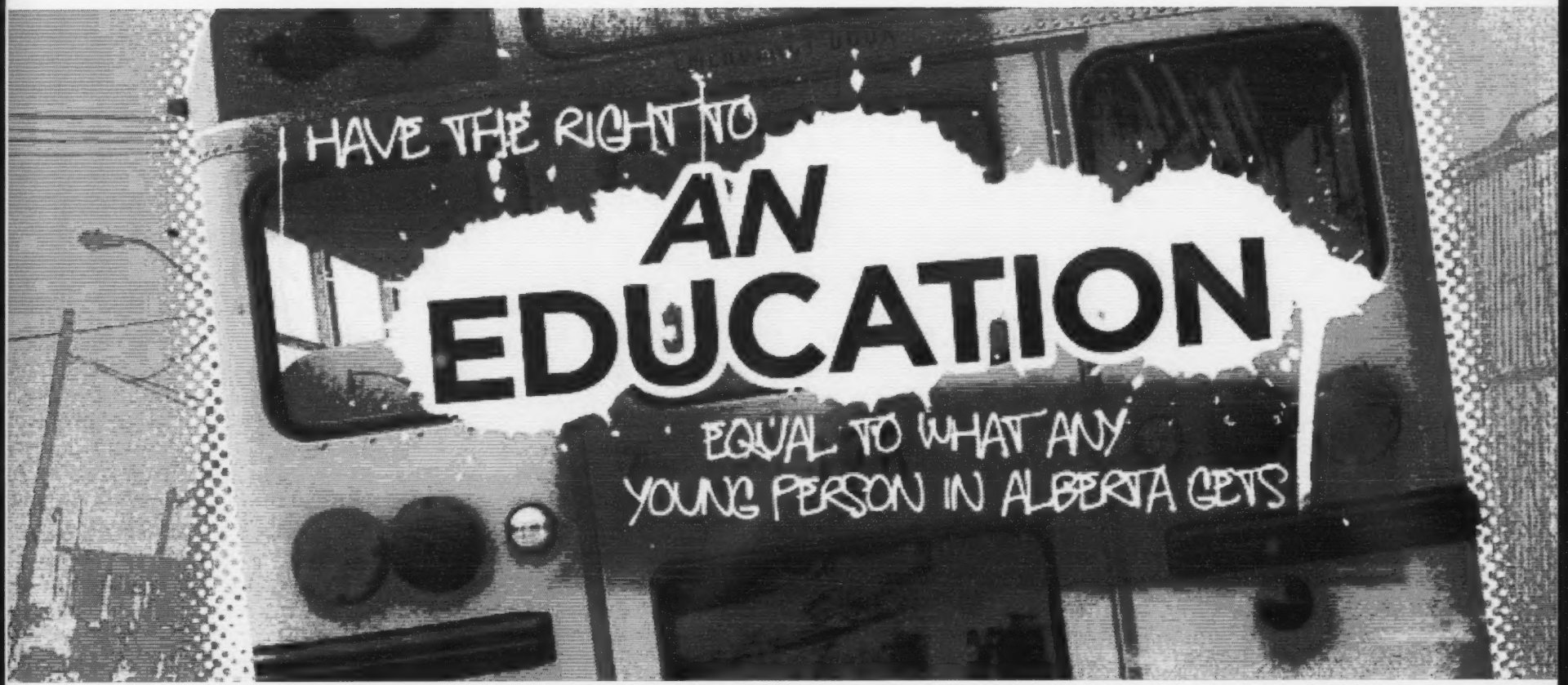
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITH
PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR & RESPECT ME
AND KEEP ME SAFE!

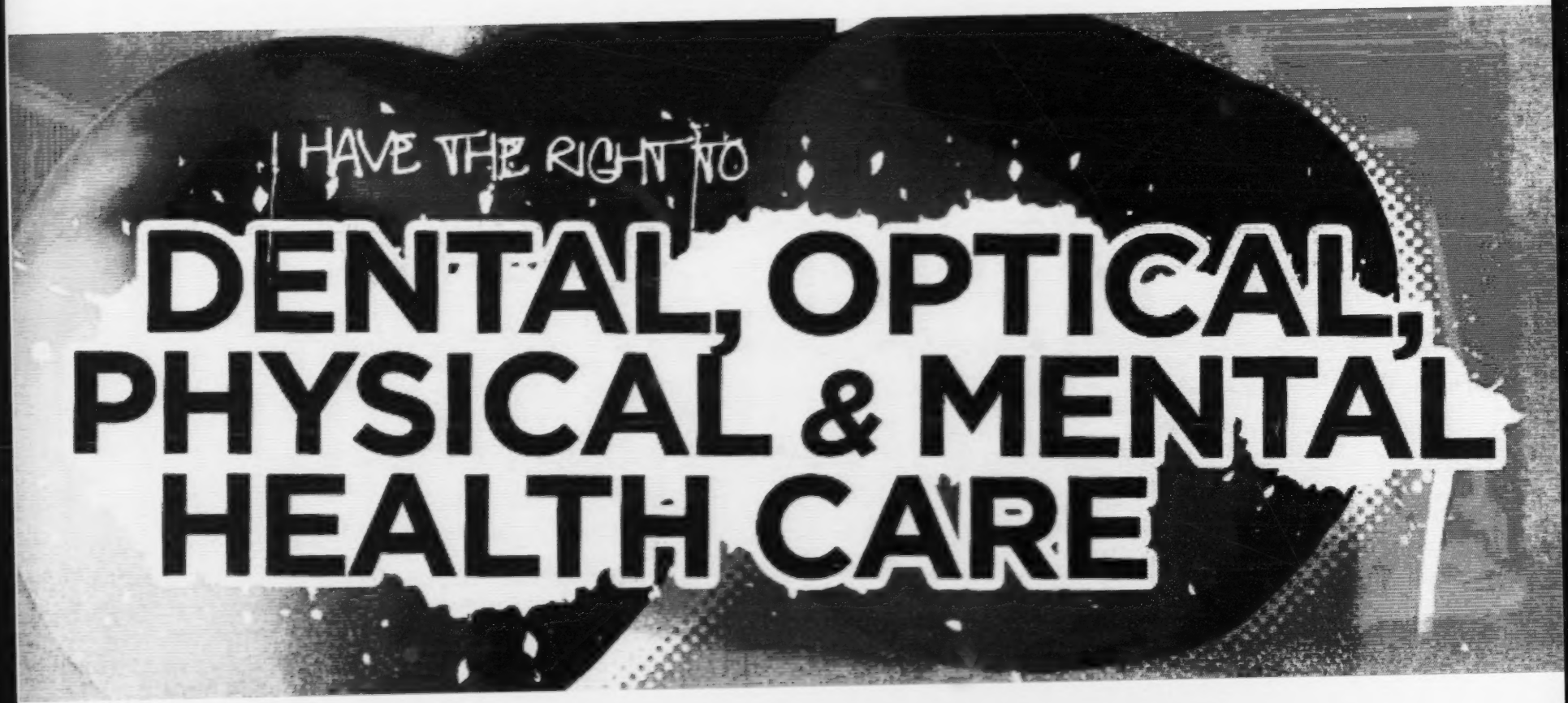

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW
THE PLAN FOR MY CARE
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHY I AM IN CARE


I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN
DECISIONS
THAT ARE MADE
ABOUT ME
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW
WHY A DECISION WAS MADE

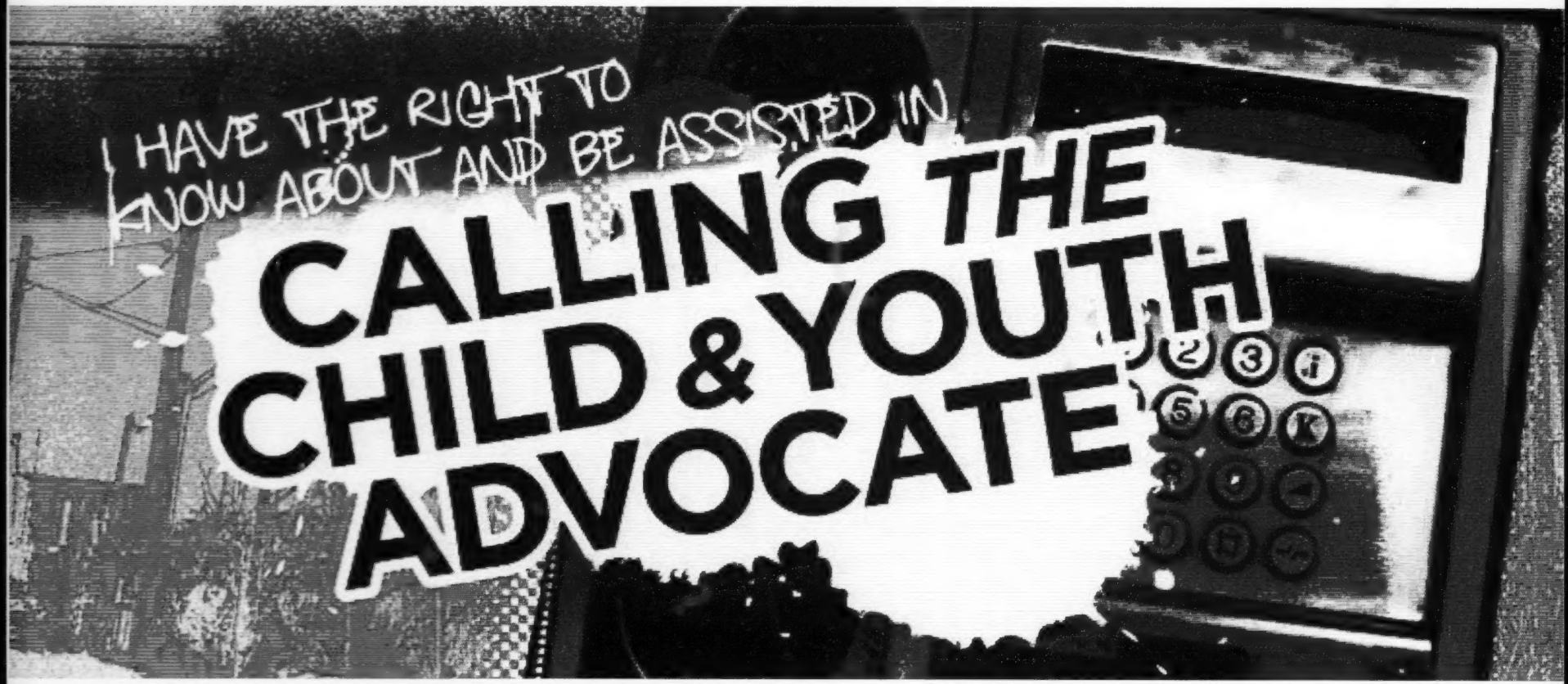

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE WHO I AM,
TO DEVELOP MY
OWN IDENTITY &
EXPRESS MYSELF.
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW MY OWN CULTURE AND RELIGION

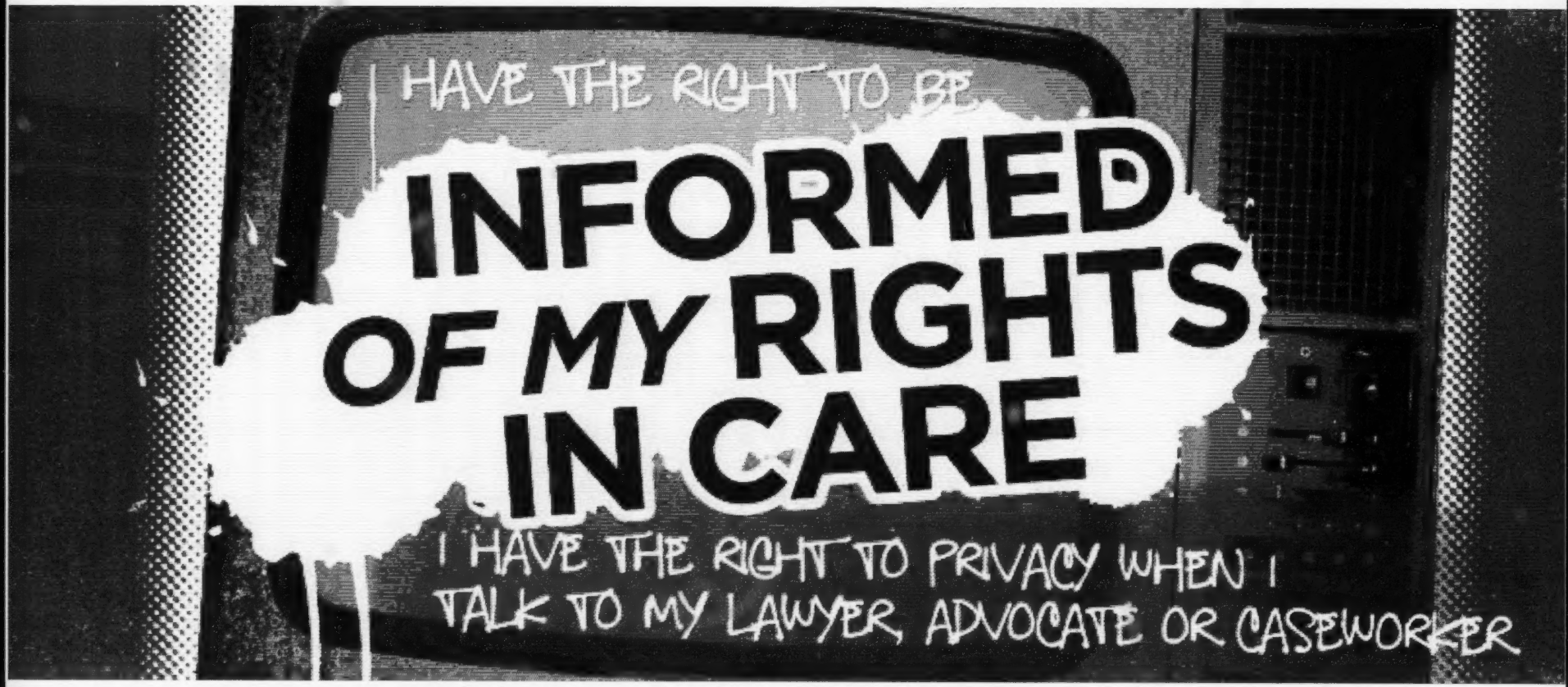
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REQUEST
CONTACT WITH
MY FAMILY &
FRIENDS
I HAVE THE RIGHT
TO KNOW WHY IF I CAN'T

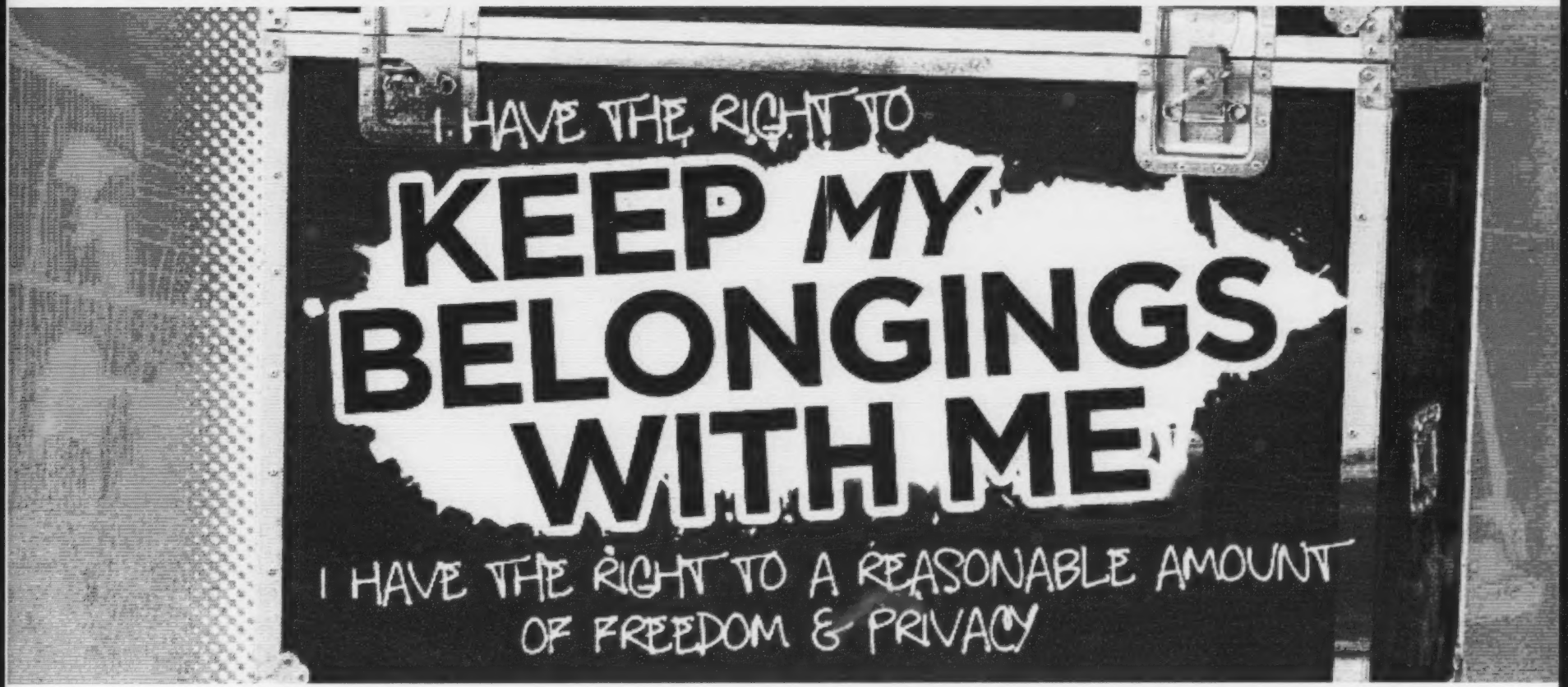

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
AN
EDUCATION
EQUAL TO WHAT ANY
YOUNG PERSON IN ALBERTA GETS

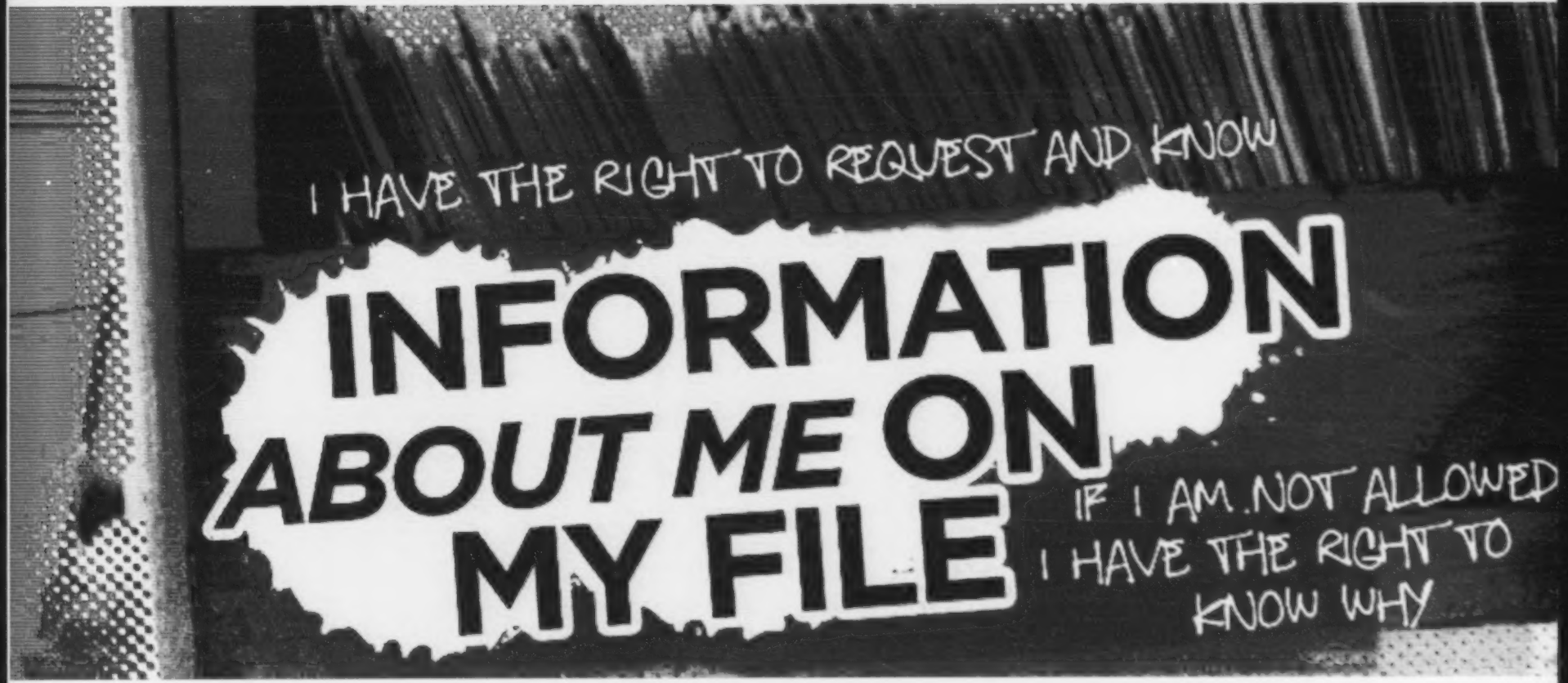

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
DENTAL, OPTICAL,
PHYSICAL & MENTAL
HEALTH CARE

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
PRIVACY WHEN I'M VISITING OR TALKING TO FAMILY
AS LONG AS I'M SAFE


I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
KNOW ABOUT AND BE ASSISTED IN
CALLING THE
CHILD & YOUTH
ADVOCATE


I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE
INFORMED
OF MY RIGHTS
IN CARE
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY WHEN I
TALK TO MY LAWYER, ADVOCATE OR CASEWORKER


I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
KEEP MY BELONGINGS WITH ME
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF FREEDOM & PRIVACY


I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST AND KNOW
INFORMATION ABOUT ME ON MY FILE
IF I AM NOT ALLOWED I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHY

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
LEARN TO BE
THE BEST PERSON
I CAN BE
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
PLAN FOR WHEN I
LEAVE CARE

If you feel that your rights are not being respected, you can do something!

ASK QUESTIONS!

Call your caseworker. Ask them to explain what your rights are.

Talk to someone that you trust — it could be your parent, foster parent, teacher, an elder or pastor, a counselor, or a family friend.

Ask to speak to your caseworker's boss — you should write down that person's name and phone number.

Call the Child & Youth Advocate Office and ask to speak to an advocate.

*All of these rights can be found in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which the Province of Alberta endorsed in 1999.

REMEMBER

(1) YOU have RIGHTS

(2) If you feel that no-one is LISTENING to you and that you need someone to STAND UP for you, DO SOMETHING!

→ Call your caseworker
→ Call your caseworker's boss
→ Call the Child & Youth Advocate

The Child & Youth Advocate

Edmonton	780 422-6056
Calgary	403 297-8435
Toll Free	1-800-661-3446

CUT-OUT CONTACT LIST

My contact info _____

My caseworker _____

My placement _____

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My caseworker's boss _____

Crisis Line _____

Child & Youth Advocate 1-800-661-3446

TOLL-FREE TO ANY GOV'T # { 310-0000 + (area code) + (phone number)
dial *310 or #310 on a cell phone